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THE PRIMER STORY

One day there was a little boy who had nothing to do. He wandered endlessly about in search for something to amuse his generally fertile mind. His meanderings brought him upon a corner store where his eyes were immediately captivated by the brightly colored cover of a comic book. Eagerly he fondled through its pages, noting the amount of entertainment that could be found, bound by a mere two staples.

Content with this new treasure, he traded away twenty cents of his gross allowance for that week and proceeded home where he read and read. Reading, however, wasn't enough for the little boy. Soon he held a pencil and paper in his hand, along with the comic book, and he began to draw his hero.

Satisfied with his accomplishment, he ran to his mother and proudly announced, "When I grow up, I'm going to draw comic books!"

His mother smiled, patronized him, and went back to her work.

Well, that little boy did grow up to draw comic books, as well as write editorials for **COMICO**. It is because of dreams like this that **COMICO** conceived of **PRIMER**. **PRIMER** is a place where people with similar dreams can get their start in comics. We at **COMICO** are proud to be able to offer the opportunity.

PRIMER, of course, doesn't just bring forth talented, young artists into the world. It is here too that exciting new characters may find life out of the inkwell and onto the page.

PRIMER alumni, Phil Lasorda, Bill Cucinotta, Matt Wagner, and myself will each be doing complete thirty page comic books. The magazines will feature our own creations, respectively; Az, Skrog, Grendel, and Slaughterman, starting in February of 1983.

So, please join us in making dreams come true, either by participating in the actual creation process or simply by enjoying the stories brought to you in the pages of **COMICO** comic books.

Pleasant dreams!

Gerry Giovino
COMICO the Comic Company

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MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

GOOD EVENING. WELCOME TO THE PARTY. THIS IS THE ALCOTT MANSION IN UPSTATE NEW YORK AND THE ALCOTT FAMILY HAS INVITED NEARLY EVERY PRESTIGIOUS AND INFLUENTIAL CHARACTER IN THE STATE. FOR EXAMPLE, OVER THERE, AWAY FROM THE CROWD, IS VICTOR LAUDIN, INDEPENDANT BILLIONAIRE, FINANCIAL WIZARD AND VERY, VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF CATHERINE ALCOTT...

HEY, VIC! VICTOR!
THERE'S SOMEONE I
WANT YOU TO MEET!

OH?

VIC, THIS IS SUE
PERLMAN. SUE, VIC.

DID I TELL YOU,
SUE? VICTOR IS A REAL,
LIVE SUPERHERO! LAST WEEK
HE SAVED MANHATTEN FROM
A GROUP OF TERRORISTS!







HE SEEMS TO HAVE COLLAPSED.
I HOPE MY ILLUSION DIDN'T
FRIGHTEN HIM.

FORGET HIM!
WHERE IS
VICTOR?

COWARD!
SHOW YOURSELF!

THE HUMANS
ARE BECOMING
RESTLESS.

A SUCCESSION OF WAVE
PULSES SHALL DRIVE
THESE CATTLE BACK!

BE... BE
CAREFUL!

THAT DOES IT!
HANG ON, CATHY,
I'M GONNA NAIL
THOSE SUCKERS!

PULSAR!
DREAMWEAVER!
HE IS HERE!

PULSAR!
LEAVE THOSE
PEOPLE ALONE!
YOUR QUARREL
IS WITH ME!

YOU WEAR THE UNI-
FORM THAT MARKS YOU AS
HONORED BY THE KIRON...

YET YOU REFUSE
TO ACCEPT THE MANTLE
OF YOUR HERITAGE! WHY?



MEANWHILE, THE TRUE NEPENTHES USES HIS DISRUPTIVE TOUCH TO SHORT-CIRCUIT THE HOUSE'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.





AAHHH...



WELCOME BACK
TO REALITY...



...BROTHER.



WAIT, VIKTOR, BEFORE WE
BATTLE ANEW LET ME RE-
STATE OUR POSITION:
WE ARE ALL FOUR HYBRIDS
OF EARTHINGS AND THE
ALIEN RACE OF THE KIRON,
BORN LONG AGO AS PART OF AN
EXPERIMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER
HUMANS WERE READY FOR INTERSTELLAR
EXCHANGE.

AN EXPERIMENT
WHICH FAILED. HUMANS ARE
NOT YET ABLE TO COPE WITH
THE CONCEPT OF EXTRA-
TERRESTRIALS. YOUR PRESENCE
ON THIS PLANET IS DISRUPTIVE
TO EARTH'S NATURAL
CULTURAL EVOLUTION.

VIKTOR, UNLIKE THE REST
OF US, YOU GREW UP ON
EARTH. YOUR ARCHAIC EMOTIONS
ARE UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT THEY
HAVE NO PLACE IN THE DESIGNS
OF AN EMPIRE THAT
SPANS GALAXIES!

YOU COULD HAVE THE
STARS! WHY ARE YOU
CONTENT WITH THIS SMALL
BACKWARD PLANET?



EARTH IS MY HOME!
I BUILT MYSELF A BUSI-
NESS AND A LIFE HERE FROM
NOTHING! I DON'T WANT ANY
PART OF YOUR POMPUS
"EMPIRE"!



VERY WELL. IF YOU
INSIST ON BEING
DIFFICULT, NEPENTHES?

ONLY SO FAR AS
THE KIRON AND THEIR
INVESTORS ARE CONCERNED!
IT WAS THEIR MISTAKE AND
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M
GOING TO PAY FOR IT!

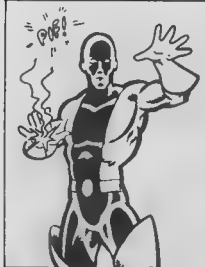


ARRRGH!
MY MASK!
ON FIRE!









MR. 'C' HERE TO TELL
YOU ABOUT **FOUR BLACK
AND WHITE COMICS FROM**

Gomco

THAT ARE FULL OF COLOR!

**LOOK FOR AZ,
SLAUGHTERMAN,
SKROG + GRENDL
ON SALE IN
FEBRUARY!!**



AZ #1
BY PHIL LASORDA



SLAUGHTERMAN #1
BY GERRY GIOVINCO



SKROG #1
BY BILL CUCINOTTA
+ BILL ANDERSON



GRENDL #1
BY MATT WAGNER

**ON
SALE
NOW!!**

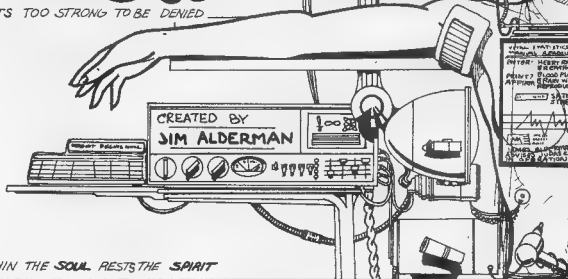
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#'s 1+2
FEATURING THE
ABOVE CHARACTERS
FOR THE FIRST TIME
PLUS MUCH MORE!!

WHAT IS THIS ILLUSION TOO
INTENSE TO BE DEFINED
WHY IS IT THE...

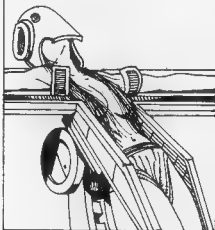
Sudas Kiss

THATS TOO STRONG TO BE DENIED

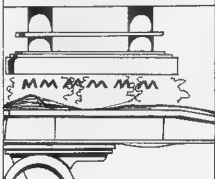


WITHIN THE SOUL RESTS THE SPIRIT

THE **SPIRIT** OF A MAN IS
UNCONQUERABLE,
UNTAMEABLE



BUT...WHAT IF THEY TOOK
AWAY THE SOUL ?

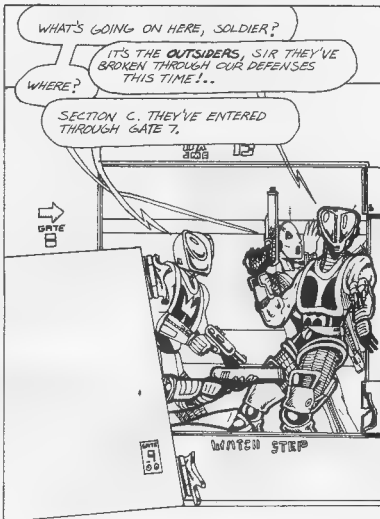


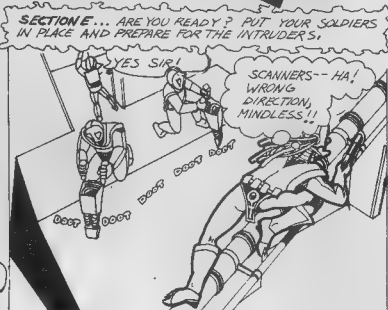
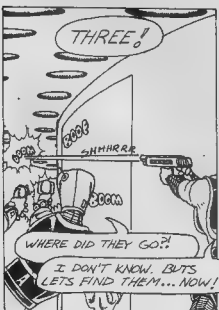
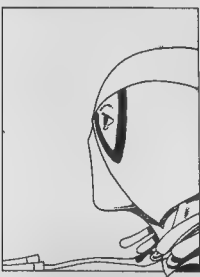
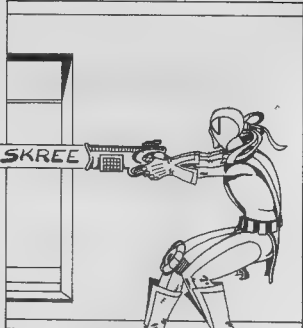
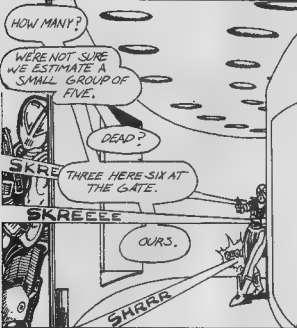
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, SOLDIER?

IT'S THE **OUTSIDERS**, SIR THEY'VE
BROKEN THROUGH OUR DEFENSES
THIS TIME!..

WHERE?

SECTION C. THEY'VE ENTERED
THROUGH GATE 7.







ROBOTS...

I HATE THEM!!



IT'S ABOUT TIME!

SHHH



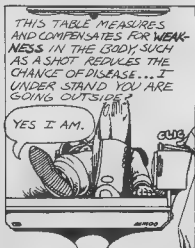
GOOD AFTERNOON, SPIRIT!!

WOULD YOU JUST GET ON WITH IT... PLEASE!



ALRIGHT, WOULD YOU PLEASE LIE DOWN?

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT "DOCTOR"?



THIS TABLE MEASURES AND COMPENSATES FOR WEAKNESS IN THE BODY, SUCH AS A SHOT REDUCES THE CHANCE OF DISEASE... I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE GOING OUTSIDE?

YES I AM.

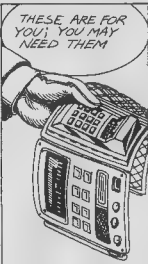


I'VE GOT SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

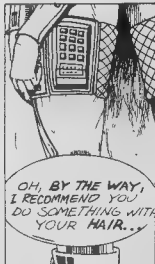
HUMANS.



OKAY, ALL DONE. YOU ARE COMP #3 FIT AND IMMUNIZED. BEFORE YOU LEAVE I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU...



THESE ARE FOR YOU; YOU MAY NEED THEM



OH, BY THE WAY, I RECOMMEND YOU DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR HAIR...



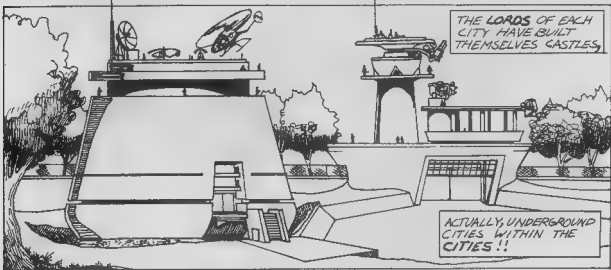
IT IS THE YEAR 2525 A.D.

THE EARTH IS IN ITS FINAL SLIDE INTO DERELICTION...



IN THE YEAR 2365 A SUDDEN AND VIOLENT REVOLUTION OVERTHREW THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - ALREADY IN A STATE OF DECAY...

AND REPLACED THE DEMOCRACY WITH A MONARCHY...



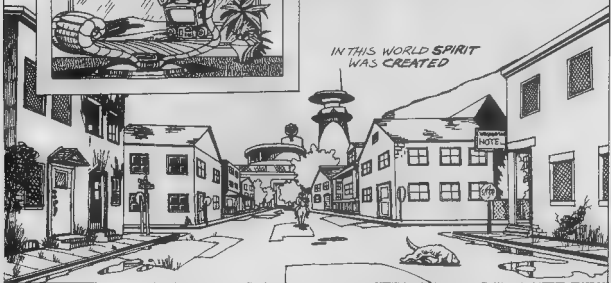
THE LORDS OF EACH CITY HAVE BUILT THEMSELVES CASTLES,

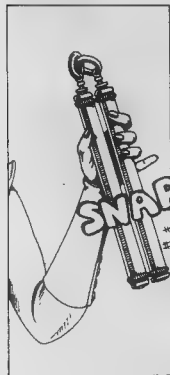
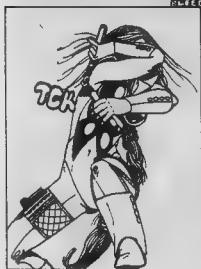
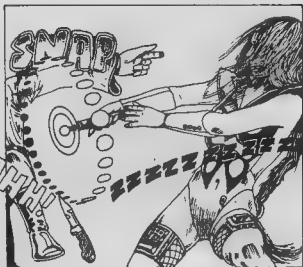
ACTUALLY, UNDERGROUND CITIES WITHIN THE CITIES !!



THOSE WHO LIVE INSIDE STAGNATE IN LUXURY AND COMFORT, WHILE THOSE OUTSIDE LIVE IN FEAR OF BANDITS, KNIGHTS OF THE LORDS... AND EACH OTHER !!

IN THIS WORLD SPIRIT WAS CREATED





I AM GLAD TO SEE
YOU ARE AWAKENING.
I WAS AFRAID SICK
MACHINE HAD
SERIOUSLY HURT
YOU...

IT'S A GOOD THING
YOU HAD THAT
LARGE HAIR
FASTNER.

AS IT IS, WE'LL HAVE
TO WATCH YOU FOR
A FEW DAYS.

THAT WILL GIVE US
TIME TO EXCHANGE
STORIES!

NO! NO! DON'T
MOVE, YOU'LL
GIVE YOURSELF
A TERRIBLE
PAIN.

MMM MMRRR

SEE,
I TOLD YOU.

AH! THE LIGHT
OF DAY TOUCHES
YOUR EYES ONCE
MORE!!

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WHEN YOU WERE TAKEN I CHARGED THE CASTLE
BY MYSELF TRYING TO FIND YOU. I SEARCHED
TWO LEVELS BEFORE THEY WERE ALERTED.
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING MORE AFTERWARDS

I HAD TO LEAVE PLEASE
UNDERSTAND?

UNDERSTAND WHAT?
WHO ARE YOU
ANYWAY?

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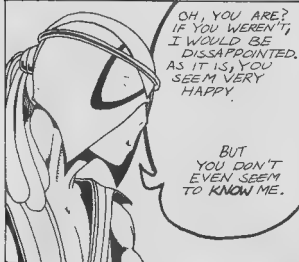
HA! HA!
HA! HA!

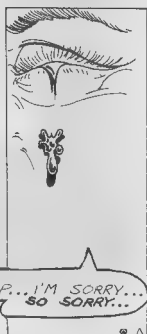
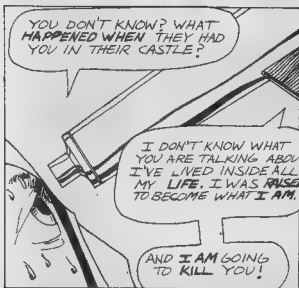
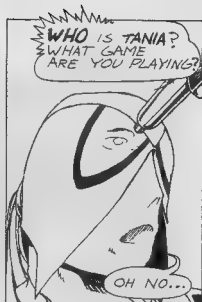
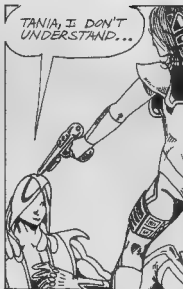
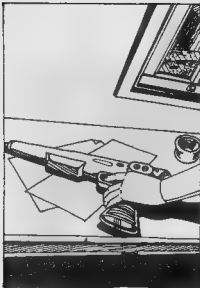
NOW I HAVE HEARD
IT ALL!

I AM MANGONEL...
I AM KING TO MY PEOPLE,
THE OPPRESSED...

SO YOU ARE
MANGONEL!

I AM RATHER
GLAD TO MEET YOU.





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ES, MY CHILD, IT WAS A GALA EVENT, A MOST EXTRAVAGANT EVENING PARTY AT THE HOME OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, EVERETT CHRISTIE. ALAS, EVIL WAS AFOOT. UNBEKNOWNST TO ALL, AMONG THE GUESTS WAS THAT SWORN ENEMY OF OUR NOBLE CHAIRMAN ARGENT... THAT SCOURGE OF ALL WE HOLD DEAR... THE EVIL

RING!

POLICE,
13TH PRECINCT.

GRENDL,
YOU SLIME!

SUCH A CHARMER.
JUST CALLING TO LET
YOU KNOW THAT THE
CITY COUNCIL CAN
ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN.
I'M GOING TO KILL
EVERETT CHRISTIE
TONIGHT.

I'LL STOP YOU!

WELL, I WAS HOPING YOU'D TRY,
YOU KNOW, IN THE NAME OF HEROICS,
GOODNESS, AND ALL THOSE OTHER
RIDICULOUS CONCEPTS.

YOU'RE AS GOOD
AS DEAD.

PHONE

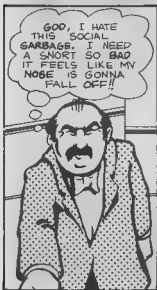


M. WAGNER'S

GRENDL

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AND SO, GREDEL, HIS EGO SATISFIED, SET ABOUT TO COMMIT HIS ATROCIOUS ACT.



HE TOOK CHRISTIE BY SURPRISE ...

LET IT
SNOW,
LET IT
SNOW...



LET
IT SN.
CHOK



THAT'S
THE EVIL GRENDL!



AND DON'T
LOOK SO
BUG-EYED.



I JUST STOPPED BY
FOR A CHAT.



... AND PROCEEDED TO TERRORIZE HIM!

JOE

1 AH, CH-CHAT?
A ABOUT WHAT?

THE RING,
OF COURSE.

RING,
WHAT RING?!

CHRISTIE,
IN THE UNDERWORLD,
EVEN THE MOST WELL KEPT
SECRETS AREN'T SAFE FROM
GRENDL. YOU'RE THE INVISIBLE
HEAD OF THE LARGEST
PROSTITUTION RING
IN THE CITY.

ALRIGHT,
B BUT WE NEVER
CROSSED YOU!

NOT DIRECTLY.
BUT IT HAS COME TO MY
ATTENTION THAT MOST OF
YOUR GIRLS ARE RATHER
YOUNG, NOT EVEN FOURTEEN!
I NO LIKE DAT.

B-BUT, WHY?!

DON'T QUESTION
ME WORM

OK! OK!!
I'M SORRY, I PROMISE
NO MORE KIDDIE STUFF.

REALLY?

POW!
CRASH!

GEE
OKAY!

HAVING KILLED THE RIDEIOUS GRENFEL ATTAINED THE TONES HE SOUGHT AND MADE HIS WAY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH HIS WAITING MINIONS...

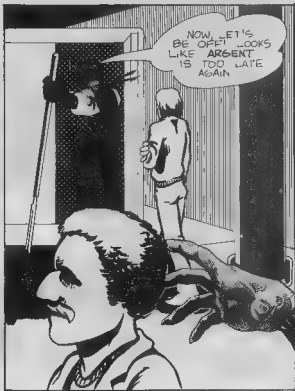
HELLO GENTLEMEN!
SO GLAD YOU COULD
MAKE IT---ON TIME!



YES, TROOPS,
IN MY GRUBBY LITTLE
HANDS, I HOLD EVERETT
CHRISTIES PERSONAL
NOTES AND LEDGERS
A VERY SUCCESSFUL
EVENING



NOW, LET'S
BE OFF! LOOKS
LIKE ARGENT
IS TOO LATE
AGAIN



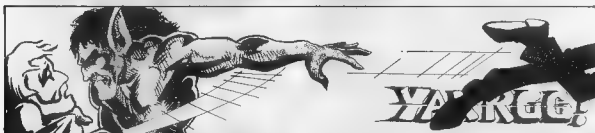
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SUDDENLY, HOPE ARRIVED AS ARGENT, THE WONDEROUS WOLF,
EXPLODED ONTO THE SCENE.



THE BATTLE BROKE OUT...

KABAMI!

BAMI!



IDIOT!
I TRIED, BUT
NOW IT'S
YOUR
FAULT

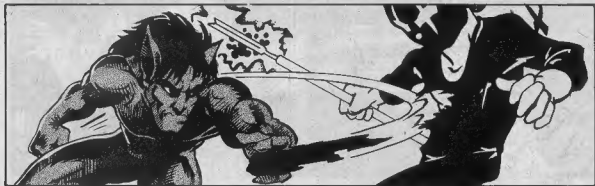
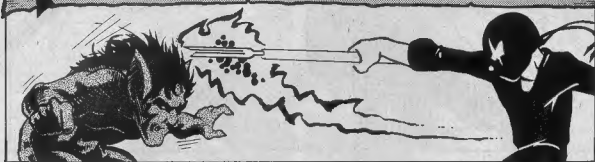


RRRRRRR

... AND SOON ONLY TWO OPPONENTS WERE LEFT.



THE STRUGGLE WAS POWERFUL, FRIGHTENING IN ITS INTENSITY!





AND SO, THOUGH WOUNDED THE VALIANT WOLF SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING OFF THE EVIL GRENDL! BUT GRENDL REMAINED FREE...

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GEE! THESE GUYS AT COMICO REALLY KNOW HOW MUCH FUN IT IS TO CREATE COMICS. THEY LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT AND ARE GLAD THEY HAVE THE CHANCE TO BRING THEIR STORIES TO YOU..

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HEY! WHO IS THAT GUY?

A BIT OF ADVICE, REFER TO COMICO BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY START YOUR WORK SO THAT REQUIREMENTS CAN BE SPECIFIED...

GOOD LUCK, AND
HAPPY COMIC MAKING

ERF!

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*... a man,
a woman,
a country,
and a Love
that will
never end:*

Slaughterman
by
Gerry Giovenco

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